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MORRISVILLE MAN CHARGED WITH ARMED BANK ROBBERY

SPRINGFIELD, Mo. – Todd P. Graves, United States Attorney for the Western District of Missouri, announced that a Morrisville, Mo., man was charged with armed bank robbery in a criminal complaint unsealed this morning.

Richard Dale Campbell, 40, of Morrisville, was charged with using a dangerous weapon to rob the Great Southern Bank in a criminal complaint that was filed under seal on March 11, 2005. That complaint was unsealed and made public upon **Campbell's** arrest and initial court appearance this morning.

According to an affidavit filed in support of the criminal complaint, **Campbell** entered the Great Southern Bank, 3961 S. Campbell in Springfield, at about 9:40 a.m. on Feb. 11, 2005. He was allegedly wearing a black ski mask and latex gloves, and carrying a silver-colored handgun that appeared to be a semi-automatic pistol. The affidavit says that **Campbell** vaulted the teller counter and confronted several bank employees, demanding money. After grabbing \$4,700 from the hands of one teller and from two teller drawers, the affidavit alleges, **Campbell** jumped back over the teller counter and fled the bank, jumping into the passenger seat of a Ford Ranger pick-up truck driven into the parking lot by an accomplice.

That truck, according to the affidavit, was abandoned about a block away from the bank, where it was found by law enforcement officers shortly after the robbery. The truck had recently been stolen from the Republic Ford car dealership in Republic, Mo.

Graves cautioned that the charge contained in the complaint is simply an accusation, and not evidence of guilt. Evidence supporting the charge must be presented to a federal trial jury, whose duty is to determine guilt or innocence.

This case is being prosecuted by Assistant U.S. Attorney Douglas C. Bunch. It was investigated by the Federal Bureau of Investigation, the Missouri State Highway Patrol, the

Springfield, Mo., Police Department, the Republic, Mo., Police Department, and the Polk County, Mo., Sheriff's Department..

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